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Boston Anti-Authoritarian Movement

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"I will not sit back silently and allow my reputation...to be ripped to shreds by the employees of rich, media corporation owners, who have one desire—and that is to silence anybody who is willing to stand up and speak the truth about oppression in this city, in this state, and in this country." Chuck Turner defends himself from allegations that he took a \$1000 bribe at a public rally on November 25 at City Hall. Photo by Jeff Reinhardt.

No Bailout for Massachusetts

by Jake Carman

Just one week after a \$38 billion, taxpayer-funded bailout of American International Group (AIG), the company's executives spent \$443,343 on a luxury resort vacation at Monarch Beach, California. The government rewarded their unabashed greed by giving them another \$38 billion, and the rest of us are holding our breath as those in power cut into the few services that actually benefit the people.

Here in Massachusetts, Governor Deval Patrick recently announced a \$1.4 billion reduction of the state budget. This move will cut into healthcare, education, social services, and at least 1,000 government jobs, but probably will not affect the Governor's salary. \$340.2 million will be cut from our compulsory healthcare, and \$101.5 million from funding for education.

According to a November 17 Associated Press article, Governor Patrick defended his plan, saying, "The chance to bring real and lasting reform for our schools, our economy and our communities is right in front of us. All that is missing is our willingness to put aside the tired, cynical habits of Massachusetts public discourse..." He

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Not Thankful for Genocide

by Cady

The first European settlers in what we have come to refer to as America were not Pilgrims. They were a group of profiteers operating as the Virginia Company. The Virginia Company had a charter from King James I to establish a satellite English settlement in the Chesapeake region, where they founded Jamestown in 1607. Before Jamestown was abandoned, the residents had turned to cannibalism.

More than a decade later, the more easily lauded Pilgrims came to this continent by way of Holland, to which they had already escaped by the time the residents of Jamestown began to eat each other. In the Netherlands, the Pilgrims experienced no restrictions on their religion whatsoever.

However, they were worried about the effect of what they believed to be an overly decadent and indulgently secular society on their children and decided to look farther afield for a place to call home. By this time, in addition to being a source of many slaves, America was known for its unspoiled natural resources.

Upon landing in the harsh environment they called Plymouth, the Pilgrims were faced with near-immediate starvation. This changed when a man named Squanto walked into their settlement to offer his aid. Squanto was a former slave to the English who used his language skills to help the pilgrims broker a treaty with the neighboring Wampanoag. At the end of the Pilgrim's first year, they held a feast in the honor of the Wampanoag and Squanto who had saved them from starvation. This was 1621.

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will have to understand if the people of the Commonwealth don't see our diminishing public services as positive reforms.

On Martha's Vineyard for instance, preschool care took a huge blow. According to Lauren Martin's article for the Vineyard Gazette, "no new Island children are being funded; as of Nov. 3, even eligible working parents are being placed on waiting lists indefinitely...the state department that handles early childhood education has unilaterally frozen child care assistance for low-income families." All 24 of the state-run community colleges and universities will lose 5 percent of their funding, which will mean more tuition-hikes for students. As Jennifer Zaldana writes in her November 7 article for the Party for Socialism and Liberation paper, "Several elementary and secondary schools are on the verge of being shut down, potentially leaving hundreds of workers and teachers without jobs."

In Boston, \$2.25 million will be cut from the Fire Department's training budget. According to Jessica Van Sack of the Boston Herald, Fire Commissioner Roderick J. Fraser Jr. has had to cancel 75 percent of trainings scheduled for this year. Van Sack writes, "Hazardous materials training is on hold starting next week - an especially grim prospect given an influx of biological laboratories to the Hub, including Boston University's controversial Level 4 Biolab."

The Mass Turnpike Authority, according to Noah Bierman's article for the Boston Globe, has proposed to finally address its enormous debt by increasing tolls...again. Bierman writes that the hike would "increase the charge at Weston and Allston-Brighton to \$2 from \$1.25 and at the tunnels to \$7 from \$3.50." Fast Lane users will get a break, paying only \$1.50 and \$6 respectively. Taxi-drivers, however, will be hit the hardest, with cab tolls leaving Logan Airport rising from \$5.25 to \$9. Meanwhile food prices are soaring, and so is unemployment.

Does anyone else feel like we're on a sinking ship, and the captain and his wealthy friends made off with the lifeboats and all of our money? The rich screwed up, proved that capitalism is a terrible system, and then further proved it by bailing themselves out and punishing us with slow starvation. It's about time we kicked out

these professional bureaucrats whom we feed, house, and clothe. All we have to do is figure out how to feed, house and clothe our communities and ourselves instead, and let the AIG execs

and politicians figure that all out for themselves. That'll be a day at the beach.

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National Day of Mourning



Statue of Squanto near Plymouth Rock. Photo by Gaz

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Until about 1629, Pilgrim aggression was somewhat mitigated by inferior numbers, as well as officially cordial relations with neighbors. Unfortunately, new waves of settlers caused a hunger for land that could easily be seized from "savages," especially if one was inclined to refine and emphasize racist ideologies in order to justify one's actions. Complaints about the antisocial behavior of new arrivals on the part of original settlers were punished by instant excommunication and expulsion from the church.

The collaborating Dutch and English political leaders of Massachusetts enacted a systematic massacre of all native people, including the village-by-village burning of the vast Pequot empire. In 1637, the first official Thanksgiving in Massachusetts was a celebration of the return of men from Massachusetts Bay who had just finished murdering seven hundred Pequot in what we call Mystic, Connecticut. In 1641, a Dutch governor introduced the first scalp bounty in North America. A few decades later, all but two thousand Wampanoag were killed, with the remaining sold into slavery.

The genocide of Indigenous peoples by the United States government continues in one form or another pretty much **unabated** to this day, whether it takes the form of **outright war, slow starvation, land theft, forced sterilization, kidnapping of children, sexual violence** or forced poverty. Abraham Lincoln, a man who was instrumental in carrying out this genocide, declared Thanksgiving an official national holiday during the Civil War. The same day, he ordered his troops to attack the Sioux living in Minnesota.

Naturally, American Indians do not celebrate Thanksgiving; they mourn it. The first official National Day of Mourning in 1970 was a result of the censorship of a speech to be given by a Wampanoag man at Plymouth, Massachusetts' yearly Thanksgiving Banquet. This year's Day of Mourning takes place in Cole's Hill Massachusetts and meets at twelve noon sharp. A march will then proceed through downtown Plymouth. Carpools are available from Boston. Those interested in giving rides or riding with others should contact the Boston International Action Center by calling 617-522-6626. For more information, please visit www.uaine.org.

"Green Coal" and Dirty Handed Banks

On Friday, November 14, members of Rising Tide Boston set up "Green Coal" marketing tables outside branches of Bank of America and Citibank to highlight these banks high-risk investments in coal power and mining. Emulating the coal industry's marketing pitch of "clean coal," activists handed out samples of "green coal" while informing fellow citizens not to expect "green coal" to be clean, safe, or affordable.



Rising Tide Boston held this event as part of the Day of Action Against Coal Finance, joining over 50 cities across the country to protest Citi and Bank of America's investments in the coal industry.

"Although we've spent a lot of time and resources researching ways to make coal environmentally friendly, or "clean and green," the only way to do it is to wash it off and paint it green," said a representative of the group. While some onlookers claimed they already had "environmental destruction" accounts, many were skeptical, noting that even though the coal had been washed, remnants of black dust were still evident on the bankers' hands. Despite the greenwashing that occurred on Friday, many people walked away with newly acquired knowledge regarding whose interests these banks really serve.

From the Mouth of Zinn

by Morrigan

On Friday November 7, Howard Zinn spoke on the relevance of the case of Sacco and Vanzetti to the current political discourse of today. He drew on the many parallels between the treatment of immigrants, poor people and radicals in the day of Sacco and Vanzetti and today, particularly on the systematic

racist and anti-immigrant analysis that prevails in U.S. criminal justice system. Zinn's point was less about Sacco and Vanzetti being the beginning of State harassment and persecution of immigrants and radicals and more about the case being part and parcel of a criminal justice system that acts as a tool to maintain a balance of power.

Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco were two poor Italian immigrants, a fish peddler and a factory worker. They were also Anarchists. In May of 1920 Sacco and Vanzetti were arrested and charged with the robbery and murder of two payroll clerks in Braintree, Massachusetts. When they were interrogated, the police asked the two men if they were communists, anarchists, and citizens. In the trials that followed, the prosecution used Sacco and Vanzetti's political views and immigrant status to discredit the two defendants. In a time of patriotic fervor around World War I, the government was able to paint the two anarchists as anti-American and unpatriotic.

In a trial that has been thoroughly discredited and was even pronounced unjust by Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis in 1977, Sacco and Vanzetti were convicted and sentenced to death.

People the world over were outraged. Many felt the convictions reflected not evidence of a crime but the State's determination to target Sacco and Vanzetti for their political beliefs and their immigrant status.

On the day of their death, a quarter of a million people marched from the funeral home to Forest Hills Cemetery where the bodies of Sacco and Vanzetti were cremated.

Zinn's lecture was thought provoking, for in so many respects, little has changed. The law still works to protect the rich over the poor and targets people of color and immigrants. The law also targets radicals... but that is where I began to think of things that have changed.

In the time of Sacco and Vanzetti the law and the state feared anarchists and radicals. What is more, anarchists and radicals were not working in communities to organize them, but were part of communities they were working within. To clarify, it was a time when identity was much more closely tied to the community (Italian immigrant,

Irish immigrant, factory workers, fishers, etc.) one came from and lived in. Also, immigrants often brought more of the social struggles from their countries of birth with them to the US. Tactics, like those used in the Sacco and Vanzetti's case, have been used over the years by the state to slowly degrade the identity of immigrant communities, communities of color and of working class communities

Today there is less and less cohesion among the many communities that make up our cities and towns. Among anarchists it is (in my experience) almost as if to be an anarchist is to make a discovery about government, decide it's bad and decide that the only solution is to overthrow it and then poof...that's it, you are an anarchist. Then it is about analysis and processing the oppression around you. But you are never a part of it, affected by it. You are not part of a legitimate community that you can organize in and with to reach your goals. Others are the working class but they are not you. This disconnects anarchy from everyday life and turns it into a theory and lifestyle.

Over the years we have seen a great many

fellow radicals taken down by the State. But in these high profile cases, particularly in the past seven years, targeting of radicals has been detached from the State's assault on immigrants and Muslims. It is



not too far-fetched to believe that many of those being rounded up may hold anarchistic beliefs. But that is not necessarily the primary reason the state has targeted them. There things have changed from the time of Sacco and Vanzetti, though the State's tactics remain the same.

It was good to hear Howard Zinn talk about anarchy in such simple, straightforward words. He spoke of Sacco and Vanzetti as anarchists as one would speak of the color of someone's hair.

I would encourage everyone to read about Sacco and Vanzetti. It's an amazing piece of radical history in the US and one that can inform our analysis of today.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacco_and_Vanzetti

G-20: Summit of Plummeting Powers

by Jeff Reinhardt

Over the weekend of November 15th, the representatives from the richest 20 “nations” met in Washington to try and come up with a plan to help the world’s ailing economy. The meeting was set up by Bush and had little chance of ever being successful in helping the world’s economy.

Not surprisingly, nothing was accomplished during the six-hour meeting. Rather than discussing the larger forces at work that are crippling the economy, such as loss of labor power, diminishing natural resources, poverty, and climate change—the leaders of the twenty richest nations squab-

bled over regulatory measures on risky financial investments.

Members of the European Union pushed for harsher regulations on credit default swaps and hedge funds. They also called on the IMF to take a leading role in helping the developing world (which it has successfully impoverished). In the end, the only decision made was to have another meeting in April of 2009.

By then Bush will no longer be in power, but even in the last months of his presidency, he has tried to put some sort of positive spin on his legacy as president.

“It was a very productive summit meeting,” said Bush after the meeting.

What a charade. Not only were no real issues dealt with, but the ruling powers got a boost from the media to further their

causes—none of which will help the economy. To use the now clichéd metaphor: rather than avoiding the iceberg, they are rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

The fact is, these are the people who have been running this system and who have the most to lose from it. Worldwide capitalism is in trouble. The fact that nothing concrete came from this meeting should be a sign that the financial powers in the world are scared. They will try their best to stay in power, but every day they are being more threatened from an increasingly volatile economic climate that is ripe for social unrest.

People should not look up to these “leaders” to solve our economic problems. We will get little but rhetoric and regulations, and no real change. Capitalism will try to save itself, but because that is precisely the problem at this point and time, it will fail. It is time for the rest of us to act—we need to start the process of solving our problems with or without the help of the government. Now is the time to make change, because soon it will be worth more than the dollar.

Zombies Tell Bank Of America: “Coal is Killing Us”

by Rising Tide Boston



As the sun fell on Halloween, the undead victims of mountain top removal coal mining rose up and descended upon Bank of America and Citibanks in Copley Square. It is no coincidence that while Bank of America and Citibank make a killing on coal, coal is killing Appalachian communities that fall prey to dirty energy companies whose interests in profiting from strip mining outweigh the value of lives and mountain communities. In 2006, Bank of America invested twice as much in dirty energy as it did on clean energy projects. In that same year, Citi’s investments in coal were 200 times great-

er than their investments in clean energy, making them the number one financier of coal worldwide.

Mountaintop removal coal mining is the most destructive coal extraction process, where mountains are clear cut, blasted with tons of pounds of dynamite, then the “overburden”, or what used to be the mountain, is shoved into the streams carrying much of our nation’s freshest source of

water. The coal is then extracted cheaply from what used to be the mountain, leaving a virtual moonscape. This process and the chemicals involved poisons the air and water of surrounding communities, resulting in cancer, asthma, a plethora of other sicknesses, and death.

Rising Tide Boston and Asheville, North Carolina Rising Tide organized the march with the spirit and energy of the holiday to bring attention to the fact that we are facing both climate and economic crises. Despite these new developments, big banks continue to irresponsibly fund dirty energy while viable renewable resources and community-based solutions are overlooked.

There have been hundreds of actions and demonstrations on these two banks over the past two years, from satirical demonstrations like zombie marches to acts of civil disobedience. Wind and solar technology are available, and are far more cost-effective than the mythical and unavailable “clean coal” technology.

If people want to know where to bank or invest responsibly, local credit unions are a good option, and to learn more about the campaign please visit www.dirtymoney.org.

For information about Rising Tide Boston, please visit www.risingtideboston.org

Hempstead 15 Plead Not Guilty

by Matthis Chiroux

It was a sad day for Nassau County, but a proud one for veterans and activists nation-wide when the Hempstead 15 plead not guilty November 10 in the Nassau County District Courthouse to charges of disorderly conduct while a crowd of nearly 100 supporters cheered them from in and outside the building.

The charges stemmed from an action planned by the Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) around the final presidential debate at Hofstra University October 15. During the debate, members of Iraq Veterans Against the War and supporters peacefully marched into police lines blocking Hofstra's entrance after having their voices and issues ignored throughout the election cycle by the candidates.

During the demonstration, Nassau County Police used horses to push demonstrators onto a sidewalk before brutalizing them and arresting several, including Nick Morgan, a veteran of Iraq whose face was crushed by a police horse. In total, ten veterans and five of our supporters were arrested, hence the Hempstead 15.

Following an evening of relentless harassment by Nassau County Police, including threats of rape and further brutality, the Hempstead 15 were released to appear in court today where all plead not guilty as the police defended their actions to the press.

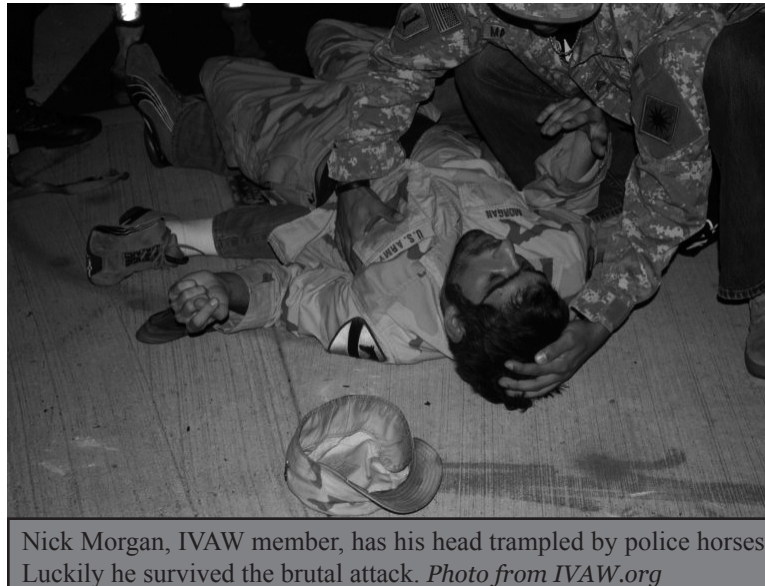
"The protesters were trying to gain entry into the debate, and police were not going to let that happen," said Det. Sgt. Anthony Repalone of the NCPD to Newsday. "We used necessary force in order to carry out that goal," he said, before asserting that police have yet to determine whether Nick was actually trampled.

This claim comes in direct contradiction not only to video evidence clearly showing Nick and others being trampled and brutalized on the sidewalk opposite the main gate of Hofstra, but also a statement made by Lt. Kevin Smith of the NCPD's Public Infor-

mation Office almost a month ago where he acknowledged, "One of the defendants collided with a police horse," before adding, "Who do you think is gonna win?"

After refusing to drop charges against the Hempstead 15, Nassau County once again snubbed the first amendment and our supporters by setting different court dates for our members, scattering our next appearances from this Wednesday to late January, I suspect in an attempt to complicate further demonstrations.

What these legal gerrymanderers don't realize is they've just given a motivated movement a good reason to celebrate lib-



Nick Morgan, IVAW member, has his head trampled by police horses. Luckily he survived the brutal attack. Photo from IVAW.org

mation and support our troops 15 more times on their front porch!

So where do we go from here?

We must keep up the pressure on Nassau County to drop all charges against the Hempstead 15. You can do this by calling District Attorney Kathleen Rice at 516-571-2994 or contacting her here: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/DA/contact.html>

As well, you can sign the petition demanding that charges be dropped against Nick Morgan and that those officers responsible for the brutality of October 15th be held accountable. <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/justiceformick/?e> Additionally, please donate money to help cover Nick's medical bills at ivaw.org.

Where the Real Terrorists are Trained

by James

Imagine there is an institution where people with a whole military arsenal of weapons at their disposal could be trained in how to most effectively control and terrorize entire populations who rarely have anything at their disposal to defend themselves. Then, imagine that the instructors at this school were none other than officials from the US military.

Unfortunately this place is not imaginary. It is the School of the Americas and was established by the US government in Panama in 1976, then moved to the Fort Benning, Georgia. Its name was changed in 2001 to the "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation," but nothing has changed about the fascist institute and what it teaches. The people of Latin America, whose loved ones have been killed, tortured, and raped en masse as a result of the military orders given by its graduates, have come to know it as "The School of the Assassins."

According to the School of Americas Watch, an organization that is trying to close the SOA, graduates from this institute have committed atrocities in Bolivia, Nicaragua, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru, Mexico and Haiti. The make matters even worse, graduates of this school from Latin America have been known to collaborate with ex-Nazi commanders from the Third Reich in Germany who "escaped" to Latin America after World War II with the aid of US intelligence. In Bolivia, during the dictatorship of General Hugo Banzer in the early 1970's, Klaus Barbie, a wanted Nazi war criminal, became his key consultant for strategies of repression. Barbie remained in Bolivia well into the 1980's and did the same work for the next dictator who rose to power; Luiz Garcia Meza. Barbie organized and planned the sadistic killings

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and torturing of thousands in Bolivia, just as he had in Vichy France). In all these instances he was consulted by graduates from The School of the Americas.

If one were to go into the details of the brutal government repression of people's movements that took place from the help of training from The School of the Americas, an entire book could be written, and several already have been. A few of the most well-known human rights tragedies in Latin American that were tied to School of the Americas were connected to the Iran Contra Affair. Officials from the Reagan administration illegally funded and armed paramilitary death squads, largely run by SOA graduates, in El Salvador and Nicaragua where socialist uprisings were taking place. Death squads went from village to village where they killed, tortured, and raped in an effort to repress the uprising, leaving hundreds of thousands dead or traumatized for life.

One only needs to take a glance at the Table of Contents of the training manual used at the school to get a clear idea of what type of instruction students receive. Manuals have names like, "Handling of Sources, Counter Intelligence, Revolutionary War and Communist Ideology, Terrorism and the Urban Guerrilla, Interrogation, Combat Intelligence," etc. This is an academy whose objective is to teach governments how to terrorize in order to crush any effort toward obtaining social justice.

It is no mystery that the United States takes such a special interest in training government officials of Latin America and South America in strategies of repression. Most of the governments who send students to the SOA grant business concessions to transnational corporations while the majority of the population under their thumbs struggles to survive. Latin America has an abundance of natural resources and agricultural produce which is hijacked by these transnational corporations based in the United States and Western Europe and sold cheaply to US consumers because of the slave-wages people receive who work on the plantations and in the factories.

On November 21-23, thousands will be converging in Fort Benning, Georgia to Protest the SOA/WHINSEC. For more information about the SOA and all news on the protest, check out SOA Watch at soaw.org, as well as Atlanta Indymedia at atlanta.indymedia.org.



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The Hartford Anarchy Conference

by Cady

On November 8th, the Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford Connecticut held a free daylong event called Spotlight on Anarchism. According to the collectives of Hartford anarchists organizing the event, it aimed to "answer questions about what anarchists are for." Another stated goal of the conference was to reach out to non-anarchists, who were not just present but were in fact invited to speak on panels.

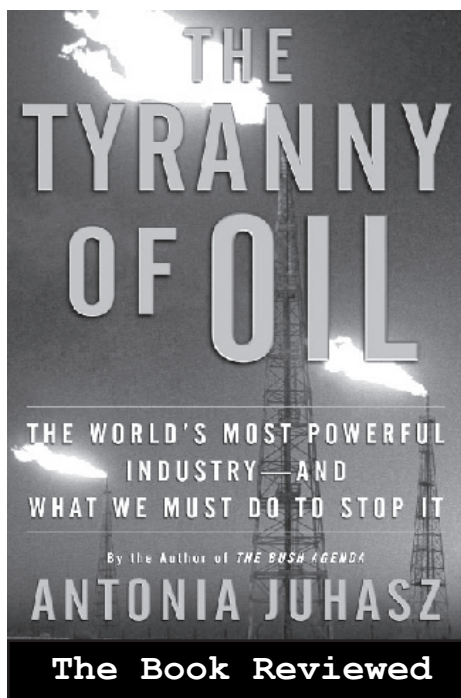
At noon tabling started, with Boston's Lucy Parsons Center and the Northeast Anarchist Network represented. The workshops began at one, with the anti-racist panel first. This dialogue was led by a mixed-race group whose various members discussed their own approaches to anti-racist politics. One of them, the great-granddaughter of a slave, discussed the effect that slavery is still having on Black people today. She also addressed the use of the criminal justice system as a weapon against people of color in the "war on drugs" and the intersection of race and class, making

the good point that capitalists use racism to create disunity among poor people who would otherwise rise up against them.

At the anarcha-feminist panel, people were having the same informal political chat that could take place among friends at other venues. However, unlike the conflict that often erupts when smaller groups of anarchists talk politics, this conversation among politically diverse individuals was a respectful one in which people seemed to be much more focused on educating than on proving points. We gave each other advice about how to handle anger at sexual predation and how to overcome traditional transphobic attitudes in a radical feminist community. It was wonderful to be in such a safe space that a transfeminist panel member could refer to herself as "a woman with a penis," with nobody looking uncomfortable at the sudden mention of genitals.

The discussion of queer politics during the anarcha-feminist workshop became more focused on feminist politics during the radical queer workshop led by the local group Queers Without Borders. Aside from the difference in the people standing in the front of the room, I felt as if we

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by Sublett

Antonia Juhasz's second book, *The Tyranny of Oil*, is in some ways an exceptional work. Thoroughly researched and lucidly written, it is a comprehensive summary of the myriad ways in which the US oil industry has damaged our country and our planet. From the earliest days of the Standard Oil monopoly to the current war in Iraq, Juhasz shows how Big Oil has manipulated governments, destroyed communities, fouled the environment and held nations hostage in their never ending effort to achieve ever greater profits at our expense.

Along the way she points out how industry lobbyists buy tax breaks, subsidies and regulatory exemptions for their clients, how compliant government regulators allowed merger after merger between already huge oil companies, and how the resulting lack of competition allowed the industry to fix gas prices. Juhasz also exposes the machinations of oil companies in Iraq and the US military's role as a goon squad for the industry. For good measure, she explains how refineries and oil spills are devastating the environment and lays bare the hypocrisy of corporate greenwashing campaigns.

Besides chronicling Big Oil's crimes in the present, Juhasz delves into those of the past, with particular emphasis on Standard Oil's monopoly at the turn of the last century. Chapter 1 is largely devoted to celebrating the efforts of populists and muckrakers like Ida Tarbell to resist and ultimately break up Standard Oil. Juhasz calls for a

similar campaign today to break up Big Oil all over again. Yet by the author's own account the original breakup failed. Standard Oil's offspring used the legalized bribery of campaign contributions and lobbying to soften the blow of the breakup and eventually reconstitute through mergers the oligopoly we see today. Even incomplete reform only became possible after the anarchist Leon Czolgosz assassinated pro-business president William McKinley, allowing the reformist Teddy Roosevelt to ascend to the Oval Office.

The Tyranny of Oil describes a textbook example of the way that money buys power in a capitalist system. Unfortunately, one would never know this just from reading it. A visitor from Mars, if handed a copy as she stepped off her flying saucer, could read the book and assume that the United States is a just, democratic society whose only major problem is that the oil business has managed to worm its way into the government. Obviously this is not the case. A collapsing economy, an exploding prison population, dying oceans and the systematic scapegoating of immigrants, gays and Arabs are only a few of the afflictions visited on us by the corporate parasites that infest our society.

This failure to place her work in a broader context allows Juhasz to perpetuate the fallacy that reformism works. If her readers were faced with the full panoply of horrors perpetrated by capitalism, remedies like voting for Obama and driving hybrids would look even more futile than they do already. This may be intentional on the author's part. Juhasz not only glosses over Czolgosz's contribution in a single sentence, but completely ignores more recent examples of direct resistance. For instance, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta in Nigeria has shut down offshore drilling platforms, taken Royal Dutch Shell employees hostage and blown up several oil pipelines. Their resistance has reportedly reduced oil production in Nigeria by at least a fifth, yet Juhasz never mentions them. By contrast, she devotes several pages to a lawsuit brought by indigenous Ecuadorians against Texaco (now Chevron) that was filed in back in 1993. The plaintiffs have yet to see a penny, and it is not clear if they ever will. This kind of distortion raises the possibility that Juhasz deliberately slanted her story to favor nonviolent tactics regardless of their effectiveness.

In summary, *The Tyranny of Oil* is an outstanding exposé, but as a call to arms

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it falls far short of what is needed. Nonetheless, it should be required reading for anyone interested in how the oil business is helping to ruin our world.

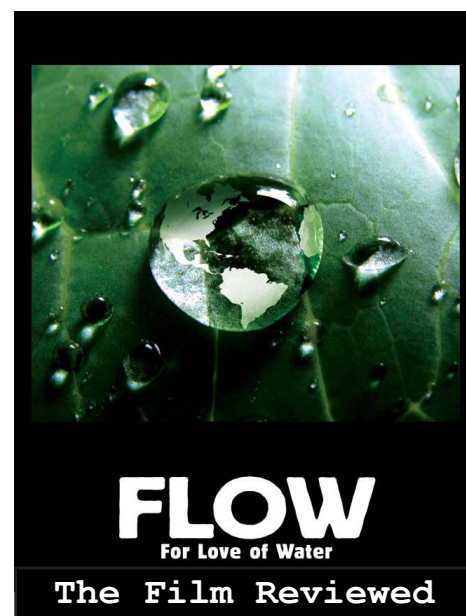
The Tyranny of Oil: the world's most powerful industry—and what we must do to stop it

by Antonia Juhasz

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by Adrienne

If you have the opportunity, I urge you to see a film that was released earlier this year. It's called *FLOW: For Love of Water*. In 93 minutes it manages to brilliantly capture many aspects of the current water crises around the world that have resulted from privatization and industrial pollution. While it was not news to me that corporate seizure of public water for profit has been devastating to people and land in the Global South, it was news to me that water privatizers are doing the same not far from our fair city.

Nestlé, with its miles long list of brand names and exponentially longer record of human rights abuses, owns the world's most major brands of bottled water, among them Poland Spring, Perrier, Ozarka, Deer Park and Ice Mountain. To furnish us with a costly, plastic encased supply of life's most basic necessity, Nestlé seeks

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were just continuing the same discourse in many ways. Rape prevention, a topic often associated more with feminist than queer politics, was brought up alongside expanding the definition of queer in order to encompass the larger group of people whose sexual presentation and desires defy the expectations foisted upon them.

There was one thing that made me uncomfortable- the panel repeatedly referred to "sex workers" as queers at first, something I find extremely problematic as a former prostitute. I was too nervous to remember exactly what I said, but I do recall mentioning that hearing someone refer to the horrible things that happened to me as a choice I made feels like there is violence being committed against me.

The response I got to the metaphorical bomb I'd just dropped shocked me completely in its lack of defensive posturing. One panel member immediately agreed with every point I had made, expressing moreover his opinion that an anti-pornography standpoint is essential to an anti-capitalist analysis. Now that topics like the internalized racism, not to mention the genitalia and former prostitution of specific individuals present had been talked about in an edifying and mature fashion, I was ready to declare all discussion held on November 8th 2008 the most productive I had ever witnessed.

The discussion of Marxism largely focused on the role of anarchists within academia, with plenty of anarchist academics present debating questions of the accessibility of their work. The panel of student organizers gave a history of student organizing and talked about the importance of adopting an intersectional analysis. For much of this I must confess I was busy enjoying the wonderful snacks from Food Not Bombs and watching the musicians who would play that night haul in their equipment.

After I left, Food Not Bombs Hartford fed the entire conference dinner. Next, a show organized by the local Rock Yer Socks collective began which featured Todd Ferry and his acoustic guitar, Self-Suffice and Cold Hearts Entertainment performing radical hip hop, a punk band called Dead Uncles, and experimental noise from the Open Star Clusters.

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out the last remaining stores of drinkable water, buys or leases the underground reservoirs for a pittance from public officials, and then proceeds to pump the fuck out of them, devastating the surrounding land and its denizens. Rivers turn to mud, ponds dry up, sinkholes form and agriculture naturally suffers as well. Nestlé seeks out rural towns to impose themselves on, in the (generally accurate) hopes that the towns' citizens either won't know enough about the consequences, or won't have the resources to adequately fight it.

I learned while watching FLOW that one such operation exists in Massachusetts—a fact mentioned only in passing. However, google also exists. At 105 Pennsylvania Ave in Framingham, Nestlé extracts 31 million gallons of water every year from the public water supply and sells it back to us in expensive plastic bottles. Nestlé pays \$4.63 for every 748 gallons they extract from Framingham. Nestlé has also, since early 2007, been scoping out Sterling's Wekepeke aquifer in Central Mass. Re-

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sistance, led by non-profits like Corporate Accountability and Clean Water Action, has met the plans, which are still proceeding. Nestlé was also interested in the water of Montague Plains in Western Mass, but called off its plans late last year. A spokesperson for the company claimed that citizens' organized resistance to its plans were not a factor in its decision to cease exploration in the area, insisting that the concerns of townsfolk are 'a terrific way for us to connect with the community.' Speaking of bullshit, Nestlé runs <http://www.nestle-watersma.com/> to propagandize about why their pillaging of Sterling's water will be good for you.

So for the love of all that is essential to life on this planet, don't buy bottled water. Srsly. Just don't. Get yourself a reusable container because that same shit comes out of the tap for free without supporting disastrous enterprises that are killing us all.

For further reading, try *Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution and Profit* written by one of the coolest people alive: physicist Vandana Shiva. South End Press, 2002.



Durruti's Funeral in Barcelona

Buenaventura Durruti: July 14, 1896 - November 20, 1936

Anarchist Leader of the Spanish Revolution

Durruti, who died in battle against Franco's fascists in Madrid, dedicated his whole life to revolutionary change. A union organizer with the CNT, influential speaker, expropriator and armed defender of the workers of the world, Durruti played a vital role in the onset of the Spanish Revolution on July 19th, 1936 and led a Column of anarchist militia until his death on November 20th. Over 500,000 marched at his Nov. 22nd funeral in Barcelona, bidding farewell to one of the most talented and beloved anarchists of all time.

Learn more about the life of Durruti: <http://flag.blackened.net/revolt/spain/durruti.html>

CALENDAR: GET INVOLVED

Every Monday:

Papercut Zine Library meeting, 7:30pm, 45 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge

First Tuesday of Every Month:

BAAM meeting, 7pm, Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus Ave, Boston

Second Tuesday of Every Month:

Anarchist Black Cross meeting (defense and prison abolition group), 8pm, 45 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge

Every Wednesday:

Free Radical Film Nights at the Lucy Parsons Center, 7pm, Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus Ave, Boston

First and Third Sunday of Every Month:

Rising Tide Boston meeting. 5:30pm @ The Lucy Parsons Center 549 Columbus Ave, Boston

Second Sunday of Every Month:

Industrial Workers of the World meeting. 2pm, Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus Ave, Boston

Every Friday:

Food Not Bombs free community meal, 4-6pm, Boston Common, near the Park St T-Stop, Boston

November 25th:

Anarchist Black Cross presents: Prisoner support night 7:30pm
Papercut zine library -45 Mt. Auburn St. Harvard Sq, Cambridge

November 27:

Since 1970, Native Americans have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth to commemorate a National Day of Mourning on the US thanksgiving holiday. Many Native Americans do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. Thanksgiving day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands, and the relentless assault on Native culture. It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection as well as a protest of the racism and oppression which Native Americans continue to experience. 39th National Day Of Mourning. 12 Noon, Cole's Hill (the hill above Plymouth Rock) Plymouth, Massachusetts. For More Information Contact: United American Indians of New England/LPSG Phone: (617) 522-6626 info@uaine.org <http://www.uaine.org>

November 28th:

Radical Caroling. A long-running BAAM tradition takes on Black Friday. Location/time TBA, check out website.

November 29th and 30th:

Northeast Anarchist Network Assembly. Gather in assembly in Providence, Rhode Island. Comrades, we are glad to announce a finalization of plans to host the general assembly of our network here in Providence. Please come to Providence and join together in two days of meeting, planning, workshops, and conversation and dialogue. Planning on making it out for the assembly? RSVP NOW! Email [thematch\(a\)riseup.net](mailto:thematch(a)riseup.net), then head to the ride share

and housing boards to organize rides and housing!

December 2nd:

BAAM meeting, 7pm, Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus Ave,

December 3rd:

A Screening of Terrorizing Dissent on Wednesday December 3rd at the Lucy Parsons Center. Glass Bead Collective, Twin Cities Indymedia, and other independent media activists have released a new film, Terrorizing Dissent, an exposé of events at the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota. Featuring first-person accounts and footage from more than forty cameras on the streets, 'Terrorizing Dissent' focuses on the story of dissent suppressed. People charged with "conspira



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cy to riot in furtherance of terrorism” speak out against the government’s campaign to manipulate media coverage and label civil disobedience and community organizing as terrorism. 7 PM, at the Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus, Boston.

December 5th:

Benefit Show For RNC Arrestees
Show to benefit the RNC 8 and STAAC (or other local people arrested at Republican National Convention who still need funds). Performers: * Tem Blessed, Sergio Reyes, Sway, The Excited People, Toxic Soil Busters, Jake & the Infernal Machine, Bhriugu Sahni & Michael Krause (free improvisational middle eastern music), Evan Greer-The show will be at the Community Church at 565 Boylston Street, Boston at 6 PM on Friday December 5th.

December 7th:

ABC Prisoner Support afternoon @ the arsenal hall. 2pm. Email trenchesfullofpoets@riseup.net for directions

December 9th:

ABC meeting 8pm @ papercut zine library

December 12th:

Rhetoric For Radicals: A Handbook for Twenty-First Century Activists, Discussion/workshop With Author Jason Del Gandio. 7 PM, at the Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus, Boston.

December 13th-14th:

Northeast Anarchist Network New England Subregional Meeting. Portland, NE.Neanarchist.net for details.

December 15th:

Hearing to Ban Biolab Level 4 research in Boston on the grounds of public safety. Come support Chuck Turner’s bill to ban BSL4 research in Boston, including BU’s Roxbury lab. 6pm in city hall, 5th floor. Please show up early and get on the list to speak to the city councilors.

December 21st:

Radical Caroling. Location/time TBA, check out website: BaamBoston.org

January 1st:

15-year anniversary of the Zapatista Uprising in Chiapas, Mexico. Congrats to the EZLN, and for 150 more years of revolution! A New Years resolution: A new American Revolution by 2010.



November 11th

The Chicago Haymarket Martyrs

In 1886, immigrant and working class anarchists were instrumental in the movement for the 8-hour day, holding the first May Day on May 1st. When police killed 4 striking workers, the anarchists responded with a meeting on May 4th. 200 cops attacked the meeting, shooting 7 of their own and countless workers. Someone threw a bomb killing 1 cop and wounded several others. 8 prominent anarchists, many not present at the rally, were framed and arrested and 5 were executed on November 11th 1886, for the crime of being anarchists. Learn more about the Chicago Haymarket Martyrs:

www.lucyparsonspj.org/haymarket.html

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What is Anarchism?

Anarchism is the theory and practice of a human society organizing without hierarchy, authority and oppression. This means that all people have equal access to the decision-making process and to the products of their collective labor. Anarchy can be described as true, direct democracy. It is horizontal: i.e. workers working together without bosses, neighbors organizing housing and neighborhoods without landlords, and people making decisions without politicians. There are many different ideas on how to get there and what exactly it will look like. We can talk all we want, but only a truly free and revolutionary people will be able to decide what their revolution will look like. So comrades, let’s get to work!

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